

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1.-10. (canceled)

11. (new) A hydraulically controlled valve comprising a flow control device for controlling a flow of hydraulic oil to and from a consumer and a hydraulic drive, said hydraulic drive comprising:

a housing part defining a primary control pressure chamber, a secondary control pressure chamber and a control pressure connection connected directly to said primary control pressure chamber;

a control plunger connected to a control piston, said control plunger acting on said flow control device for controlling the flow of hydraulic oil, said control piston being a stepped piston having a first step and a second step, said first having a first diameter and a first end surface having a first area, said second step having a second diameter and a second hydraulically active end surface, the first end surface being subject to pressure in said primary control pressure chamber and said second end surface being subject to pressure in said secondary control pressure chamber;

a control spring acting on said control piston, said control piston being movable in said housing part against an urgency of said control spring in response to a control pressure present at said control pressure connection; and

a connection including a throttle point provided between said primary control chamber and said secondary control chamber.

12. (new) The hydraulically controlled valve of claim 11, wherein said connection including said throttle point is formed by a ring-shaped gap defined between an inside diameter of said primary control pressure chamber and said first diameter of said first step of said control piston.

13. (new) The hydraulically controlled valve of claim 12, wherein said ring-shaped gap has a width within the range 0.01-0.04 mm.

14. (new) The hydraulically controlled valve of claim 12, wherein said hydraulically controlled valve is a load-holding brake valve.

15. (new) The hydraulically controlled valve of claim 12, wherein said hydraulically controlled valve is a directional control valve.

16. (new) The hydraulically controlled valve of claim 14, further comprising a pressure relief check valve installed between said primary control pressure chamber and said secondary control pressure chamber arranged and dimensioned for releasing pressure from said secondary control pressure chamber to said primary control pressure chamber.

17. (new) The hydraulically controlled valve of claim 16, further comprising a spring defining a pressure difference at which said pressure relief check valve opens.

18. (new) The hydraulically controlled valve of claim 12, further comprising a longitudinal groove cut into a cylindrical lateral surface of said first step at an end of said first step facing said secondary control pressure chamber.

19. (new) The hydraulically controlled valve of claim 16, wherein said pressure relief check valve is arranged inside said hydraulic drive between said primary control pressure chamber and said secondary control pressure chamber.

20. (new) The hydraulically controlled valve of claim 19, further comprising a restricting orifice installed between said control pressure connection and said primary control pressure chamber.

21. (new) The hydraulically controlled valve of claim 20, wherein said throttle opening produces a first damping effect on the movement of said control piston and said restricting orifice produces a second damping effect, said first damping effect being larger than said second damping effect.

22. (new) The hydraulically controlled valve of claim 1, wherein said pressure in said secondary control chamber is equalized with the pressure in said primary control chamber

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through said connection including said throttle point such that said throttle point produces a damping effecting on the movement of said control piston.